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Applicant: Arguello *et al.*

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For: **METHODS FOR SEPARATING AND/OR IDENTIFYING DNA MOLECULES**

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to a non-final Office Action mailed June 22, 2000, in reference to the above-referenced application. The shortened statutory period for response to this Office Action expired on September 22, 2000, and with the granting of the accompanying petition for a three month extension of time, the time for response is extended to December 22, 2000, and therefore this response is timely filed.

Checks are enclosed for the petition fee and the additional claim fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in any fee required for this filing to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. For the purpose of charging or crediting said deposit account, duplicates of pages 1 and the signature page are submitted herewith.